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Interview with
Thompson Eade,
Gospel Illustrator

SPECIAL CONVENTION ISSUE

The hour in which we live is the most challenging ever faced by a militant, forward-looking Church.

Around us Biblical signs point to the soon return of our Lord. Everything is moving at an ever-increasing pace; everything is accelerated.

Business is carried out with unprecedented speed; communications and transportation are so swift and far reaching that they almost defy the imagination, touching untold millions of people.

These do not institute fear, or dread, nor are they to be looked upon as an enemy. Rather, they are powerful tools to be used by the Holy Spirit, through Spirit-filled men and women, to proclaim with power and authority the magnificent message of *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever."*

Using these modern advances, our people around the world have harvested mighty spiritual results that will tell for eternity.

When we consider the astonishing results of dedicated workers in their many and varied harvest fields, we can understand in a small way what is holding back the imminent return of our Lord.

Consider the reports of our 3,620 churches and meeting places around the world. Through

Rev. Dan Ussery, Director of Youth Ministries, led the annual Youth Council which met prior to the convention to discuss the future of Foursquare youth, and their role in evangelism and discipleship.

Included in this planning meeting were discussions for involvement of these youth in the Bicentennial celebration, and the special ministries teams to reach their own nation, along with the Mission Impact Teams that minister in foreign lands.

Councils members were Wally Brandenburg, Glenn Nicholls, Ken Lentz, Gerry Spanberger, Dave Englert, Tim Newton, Dale Downs, Jim Ritch, John Tolle, and Dorothy Gardner, each representing his respective district.

Happening concurrently with the Youth Council, the similar Sunday School Council convened to project the ministry of the Spirit in

almost every conceivable medium of communication this past year these have reported 185,689 confessions of Christ as Lord and Savior. This is more than 28,000 souls — an increase over the previous year.

We are grateful for this bountiful harvest that brings with it the thrilling promise, *"He that winneth souls is wise . . . and they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever."*

However, we must not, and we will not, by God's grace, relax our efforts in this great Christ-centered endeavor.

We are thankful that Spain and Ghana are developing as new and promising harvest fields; new opportunities are before us in Indonesia and other parts of a needy world.

We are determined that we will do our best to make the coming year the most bountiful for our Lord that we have ever enjoyed. Last year our people gave almost 1½ million dollars for world missions — the largest amount in the history of our Foursquare movement. We believe that in their vision and giving, they are identifying with the message contained in our recent convention theme — "That they might know Thee."

Dr. Rolf K. McPherson

this vital teaching ministry.

Headed by John Bowers, Director of Adult Ministries, this council gave time to in-depth study of Christian education trends, discipleship and effective communication of the Word through the church. Keeping in mind the small Sunday school, this group laid strategy to more effectively assist these schools in achieving new growth.

Present on the council, representing the 10 districts, were Vickie Becker, Mildred Poole, Maurice and Cecilia Evans, Tim and Sunny Coffman, Lonie Robinson, Florence Hoffman, Eloise Lentz, Ronda Englert, Bob Glass, and Loren Callan.

Present with the Lord

Myrtle E. Guilliams . . . Joyce E. Warren.

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ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENTS

"Women in Public Ministry:"

A close study of the Word of God, both Old and New Testaments, indicates that God has seen fit to use women in His service in virtually every way He has employed men.

We, therefore, see nothing that should restrict the God-ordained and Spirit-filled ministry of women in any capacity or office of the Church in keeping with the Word of God which guides men and women alike.

"Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit:"

With regard to the evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, we reaffirm the statement in our Declaration of Faith, 'the believer may have every reason to expect His incoming to be after the same manner as that in which He came upon Jew and Gentile alike ... as recorded in the Word; that it may be truly said of us as of the house of Cornelius, the Holy Ghost fell on them as on us at the beginning' (Acts 2:4; 8:17; 10:44-46; 9:17; 19:6).

Further, we commend the statement from the early writings of our founder, who wrote, 'The baptism in the Holy Ghost is received today in exactly the same way as on the Day of Pentecost when the hundred and twenty were filled with the Holy Ghost and spake with tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.'

In every account of the reception of the baptism in the Holy Spirit recorded in the Book of Acts, the initial evidence of that experience was declared to be, or unmistakably inferred to be, that of speaking in tongues. Therefore, on the basis of Scriptural precedent, and guided by our original Foursquare teaching, we affirm that the initial physical evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit is that of speaking in other tongues.

TOP POP

Is yours the "Top Pop"?

Tell us about your Dad, and why you feel he's great.

As part of our June Father's Day emphasis, we are inviting readers to complete this sentence, "My Pop's tops because . . ." and to send their response to us.

Give specific reasons why you feel your Dad's the best. Pay tribute to him. Also, if you have an interesting recent photograph of your Father, include it. Informal shots are best. Photos will be returned after use.

Letters must reach us by April 15 to be included. Address your letter to: Editor, Foursquare World ADVANCE, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca., 90026.

Enter your Dad as the TOP POP.

The following resolution was sent, in letter form, to President Gerald Ford, the White House, Washington, D.C. from Dr. Rolf K. McPherson.

RESOLVED

We, the ministers and delegates in session for the Fifty-Second Annual Convention of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel do hereby express congratulations to you as the 37th President of the United States of America.

We recognize that you have come to this high office at an unparalleled time, requiring of your office strong and positive leadership.

Our nation is now affected by an energy crises, rising inflation, declining employment, environmental pollution, disillusionment of the general populace over corruption and inequity, and an ever-accelerating crime rate.

And further, recognizing challenges of the world economy as seen by the energy crisis with its attending financial pressures, the Mid-East where there is constant conflict and the problem of providing food for the hungry of the world, we stand reminded that great leaders of the past have resorted to faith in Almighty God for help and guidance. Seeing that these challenges and problems are, humanly speaking, unsurmountable, we urge that your office call all our people to a renewed trust in God by their example.

We are urging our ministers and delegates to earnest prayer on your behalf that God may bless you with wisdom and good health and guide you in the decisions you make.



March 4, 1975

Dear Dr. McPherson:

It was very thoughtful of you to write as you did on February 24. As I carry out the responsibilities of this office, it is encouraging to know I have your support and that of your fellow members in the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

Your letter indicates that you are fully aware of the tremendous problems which face all of us today as we attempt to make our Nation and the world a better place in which to live. To be assured of your good will and your prayers is deeply gratifying to me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rolf K. McPherson
President
International Church of the
Foursquare Gospel
1100 Glendale Boulevard
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"It was like a death sentence, being told I did not have much longer to live. One-hundred percent disabled had been the verdict."

The amazing story of how God used this sentence to His glory is the tale of Dr. Thompson Eade, who this year celebrates 50 years of active Christian ministry.

Thompson Eade had returned to Hanna, Alberta, Canada, from World War I. His unit had been under enemy seige guns bombardment when the shell which exploded near had left him badly wounded.

As a young man of 27, newly wed to Ruth whom he had met upon returning home, he had time now from his hospital bed to reflect his youthful ambitions and dreams.

Born in London, England, 9 years before the turn of the century, Thompson Eade's artistic ability was evidenced, and developed as he remained in England to attend art school when his parents migrated to Canada.

"I became a commercial artist, but it was just a few years, at age 18, before I came to Hanna, Alberta, and entered the acting profession. With repertoire stock, we traveled for two years throughout Canada, staging plays and vaudeville acts. Little did I know this acting, and my work as a scenic artist, were a part of God's plan for my future ministry."

When World War I came, Thompson Eade joined the Canadian infantry and found himself in France. "God spared me miraculously. But, I did return home with the aftermath of war, including severe shell shock. The doctors were releasing me with total disability and advising a warmer climate, recommending California.

"Ruth and I, and our tiny daughter — the first of two — along with my parents and two young brothers, trekked to Los Angeles.

"Almost as soon as we arrived, a little Christian lady became interested in our family. She insisted that we attend Angelus Temple to hear a flaming woman evangelist who was

The Power of Good Illustration

declaring God could 'heal and save, and do anything, if you'd only believe.'

The still-present, sharp humor dominates as Dr. Eade recalls, 'Finally I said, 'Let's go and get it over with.' Well, instead of getting over it, 'it' got all over me.

"On Wednesday afternoon we did hear Aimee Semple McPherson. The Spirit convicted my heart and that day I gave myself to Him. Mrs. McPherson prayed for my healing, and encouraged us to accept it by faith.

"During the next week I continued to suffer from heart seizures. My arms were twisted and my jaw was set one night as I lay in bed. My wife kept encouraging me to receive my healing by faith — that's what we had been told to do. The Scripture came to me, *"Though you slay me, yet will I serve you."* I held to that affirmation. It was then that God spoke to my heart, 'Faith does not struggle; faith rests.' The 'why's' were gone. I rested.

"In a few minutes I was able to straighten my arms; then my legs. Jumping out of bed, I climbed onto a chair, rejoicing! From that time on, I was well. The ugly effects of war were gone. And, my life began to unfold and be fulfilled."

Strong in his new-found strength, Mr. Eade enrolled in LIFE Bible College, but lasted there only one month. Mrs. McPherson heard of his stage and art abilities, and enlisted him to develop weekly stage settings, "so the heart and eye can see," for the now-famous illustrated sermons.

"One evening Charlie Chaplin came backstage after a Sunday evening illustrated message. He was intrigued with our ability to handle the backdrops without a front panel behind which they could be rolled.

"'What you need is an arch,' he said. And, that's how the proscenium arch which for years enclosed the platform of Angelus Temple came into being."

Dr. Eade's whimsical chuckle accentuates his



hint of British English speech as he remembers those busy days. "One evening Sister McPherson was preaching on the value of a soul. She asked for a balance scale with something on one side to illustrate a soul. On the other side she would pile the things of the world.

"I watched from the wings as she preached. The large air-filled surf ball, which we had painted the iridescent colors of a pearl, had sprung a leak. It began to shrink.

"Suddenly Sister McPherson realized what was happening. Always master of the situation, she exclaimed, 'Ah, there you have a pathetic picture of procrastination. You'll put it off until your soul will shrivel.' Chuckles Dr. Eade, "I'm sure the audience thought it was part of the illustration."

Shortly after this ministry began, Dr. Eade returned to the Bible College, but this time as an instructor.

Recalling these teaching days he reflects, "We had no textbooks. We wrote them as we went along. Pentecost was new to us. Often when we came to Acts 2:4 in other books, the authors were snagged, and had merely 'sneezed' around it. But God had poured out His Spirit, and we needed to understand and share this 'new thing.'

"When God converted me, He also converted my art. In teaching, I often illustrated the lectures with chalkboard panoramas. The students began asking for this in a more permanent form. The result was my first book, *"The Plan of the Ages,"* the Scripture panorama which has now been translated into its fourth language, and remains among the top 10 of the publishing house which released it."

Radio also captured Thompson Eade. In 1925 he became the producer of two weekly programs. "Those mics were the size of watermelons in those early radio days. But God blessed. We ministered for many years through this medium."

Today this active octogenarian may reflect on his life as actor, artist, illustrator, writer, traveler, preacher, and radio producer, but only as he is busy completing his fifth book, the panorama view of Revelation — a project which "God put on my heart to do before He calls me home." And, two signed contracts for books not yet begun lay waiting.

Dr. Eade is also back at his easel, painting to decorate the Eade home with original art. This couple recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

The summer of 1974 saw him again as a pulpit guest at Angelus Temple, where he had ministered in years past.

In a sweep of nostalgia Dr. Eade reminisces, "Mrs. McPherson always emphasized the power and presence of the Lord, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit. When she died so suddenly, the world said the ministry would die, because it was built on a personality. We knew differently, for she was true to the tenants of faith, and to her ministry.

"Although she did have a magnetic, marvelous personality — no one could take her place for she was a chosen handmaiden for that particular time — she built on the Lord. Her ministry was so powerful, as well as intensely spiritual, with a colorful atmosphere of the bands, choirs, and illustrated sermons."

To those who say, "We do not want to hear about the past," he is quick to respond, "You have to cut out the book of Acts then, for that's where it all started. We cannot live in the past, but we can learn from it, and build upon it.

"The Spirit is teaching us today, too. We have the visions of the young men! We are all part of this ministry. God is bringing us together to remind us that we are to be active members, each fulfilling His ministry in His body. And, we need the undaunted courage and faith in God that has preceded us."



LIFE'S CORNERSTONE:

"Occupy 'til He comes!"

This challenge came to the students of a ministerial training institution as it was dedicated in 1925 to "Christ and to the Word."

February 22, 1975, marked the golden anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of that college building, setting a landmark in the history of the Lighthouse of International Foursquare Evangelism, which continues strong in its original purpose and firm in the Foursquare Gospel message.

The Cornerstone Ceremony, held at L.I.F.E., Los Angeles, signified this date. Dr. Guy P. Duffield, Chairman of the College Jubilee Year Committee, outlined the three-fold purpose for the service in his opening remarks: "Today we come together to rejoice in our spiritual heritage, to honor those who have so faithfully served this blessed Bible College, and to present projections and pledges concerning the future of L.I.F.E."

Special guests to this event included 169 of the men and women, who in the past, ministered on the faculty of the College. These joined the present faculty, to be introduced to the audience through a special slide presentation, picturing each individual during the time he taught. Among the instructors from L.I.F.E.'s past who were present on this day were Dr. Roy Gray, Mrs. A.E. Mitchell, Mrs. Audrey Mieir, Mr. James Boersma, Mrs. Isabelle Helmle, and Dr. Thompson Eade. Two former deans, Dr. Watson B. Teaford and Dr. Clarence E. Hall, participated in the ceremony. Dr. Claire Britton, beloved faculty member of

Excerpts from the Address of Dr. Claire Britton

Following a great deluge of spiritual life in the age of the apostolic Church came a long dry spell or drought. Then, finally, came another great outpouring of spiritual life, as the waters of the Reformation churned in numerous directions over parched terrain, cutting denominational barriers and carrying the refreshing waters of revival around the world. Though the water remained sustaining, it dwindled in quantity and increased in earthly pollution; this stamina and spiritual vigor wained.

Then, in mercy, the Holy Spirit blew upon God's ocean of love and a great hurricane came crashing down on the thirsty ecclesiastical body. Its results and charismatic characteristics caused it to be once again called "Pentecost" as in the early Church.

In the early part of this century, one of the

the 1930's, brought the stirring cornerstone address.

The unique media presentation, portraying the college's founding principles, reviewed the articles placed in the college cornerstone by Founder, Aimee Semple McPherson in 1925. These items included her own Bible, "its pages hold the divine truths that have resulted in the salvation of thousands of men and women"; a silver cross with symbolic vials attached to its four arms. One vial contained water "for the living water of our salvation"; the second, oil "for the healing which is available to us in Christ Jesus"; a third, wine "for the ministry of the precious Holy Spirit," and the fourth, perfume, "for the second coming of our Savior, the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley."

Scrolls containing pledges from the College Board, Faculty, Alumni Association, and the Student Body were presented to President Rolf K. McPherson. These pledges were placed in a bronze cylinder, to be sealed and placed in the base of a pillar near the original cornerstone. Dr. McPherson also received a bronze plaque, reaffirming the school's commitment to its founding principles, which will be placed on the pillar.

Included in the program was the presentation of two honorary titles: the title of *Dean Emeritus*, to Dr. Clarence E. Hall, and the title of *Professor Emeritus* to Dr. Charles W. Walkem. Honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity was Roy H. Hicks, Sr.

The Cornerstone Ceremony is available on video-tape, and key excerpts from the service are included on a stereo souvenir album, both available from the College for a donation of \$5.00.

eyes of this great spiritual hurricane was our own illustrious and beloved founder and leader, Aimee Semple McPherson. A terrific spiritual wind picked up parched seed from the entire denominational field and deposited it in this fertile and well-watered location.

Because of the particular ingredients of this outpouring we marched under the name "Foursquare" and celebrated Jesus Christ as Savior, Healer, Baptizer and Coming King. Since this teaching produced life eternal, light without limit and good news free for all, the instrument to perpetuate its imperative distribution was captioned "Lighthouse of International Foursquare Evangelism." And today is its fiftieth birthday! Its endurance is the proof of the wisdom, power and divine blessing in and through this entire work of grace.

We here today are only a small portion of the vast field of grain that this fertile institution has and continues to produce. What a thrilling, and rewarding, and praise-provoking thing it is to pause to remember our meaningful history!





APPRECIATION:

Dr. and Mrs. Howard P. Courtney were honored for their 30 years of ministry in the Office of the General Supervisor of the Foursquare Church.

At a banquet in their honor, tribute was paid to the Courtneys from around the world, as their ministry has touched missionaries, pastors, Bible students, campers, and every church within Foursquare ranks, as well as in the North American Pentecostal Fellowship, and the World Pentecostal community.

A media presentation reviewed their lives and ministries, and love gifts were presented to the Courtneys from churches and members across the homeland.

Among those participating was President Rolf K. McPherson, whose expressions included the announcement of the Courtneys' continued ministry in the Office of the Vice President, and in world-wide conferences and meetings.

Responding to these expressions of appreciation and love, Mrs. Courtney reminded all, "If it had not been for Jesus, we would not have met you all." Dr. Courtney, in reviewing Jesus' work in his life, recounted, "I remember I was lost, doomed, when a winsome Stranger walked up and touched my life. All I have is vested in Him."

Dr. Howard Clark, representing the Home Missions Department, used a quotation from Ralph Emerson to give voice to summarize the "spirit of greatness which has been a gift to our organization through the lives of Dr. and Mrs. Courtney."

Not gold, but only men can make a people great and strong
Men who for truth and honor's sake
Stand fast and suffer long.
Brave men who work while others sleep
... who dare while others fly
They build a nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.

PROSPERITY:

Excerpts from the message of Rev. Jerry Cook to the Foursquare Convention

YOUR FINANCIAL LIBERATION 5 PRINCIPLES TO PROSPERITY, Psalms 1:1-3

1. Wisdom is not gained from the ungodly, (1:1).
2. Don't stand with sinners, (1:1).
3. Don't scoff at the things of God, (1:1).
4. Enjoy uninhibitedly the laws of the Lord, (1:2).
5. Meditate in the law of the Lord, (1:2).



An example of a man who violated God's principles and lost his life. Luke 12:13-20

1. He made no provision for abundance, (12:17).
2. He spent his wealth on himself and his own program, (12:18).
3. He confused material goods with security, (12:20).
4. He made no provision for his goods after death, (12:20).

7 Keys to Abundance. Luke 12:22-36

1. Have a true estimate of life, (12:22).
2. Believe God wants to take care of you, (12:24-30).
3. Pursue the principles of kingdom living, (12:31).
4. Have faith, (12:32).
5. Transfer your goods into ministering currency, (12:33, 34).
6. Know where you are, take the stance of a soldier, (12:35).
7. Be ready for Jesus to come, (12:36).

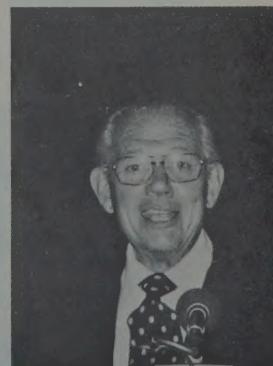
Proverbs 13:22, ". . . the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just."

EARLY CHURCH:

Excerpts from the message of Dr. M.E. Nicholls

Characteristics of the early church

1. It was a singing church
2. It had a healing faith
3. It was a praying church
4. It preached and taught Divine pardon
5. It was concerned about people



Correction: March's article on the Lausanne Congress stated 27,000 were in attendance at this world-wide conclave, when there were in reality 2,700. Dr. H.W. Jefferies, who authored the article, was one of the 573 ministers from the United States and Canada who received invitations to this congress.



Dr. Vincent R. Bird, International Director of Youth and Christian Education, challenged the convention that the future is bright with His Word as the light. He pinpointed men as the priority for world shaping, and designated ministry as the means.

Host pastor, **John Holland**, and **Angelus Temple members** welcomed and blessed visiting delegates with "heavenly hospitality." The Temple ladies hosted a Hospitality Center daily where visitors would relax, fellowship and enjoy homemade cookies and coffee, served with a smile and friendship.



1975 CONVENTION FOOTNOTES

Conventional? Yes, but also spontaneous, impromptu, extemporaneous, open and unguarded, with originality and individuality.

Those are the words which can only in part describe the **52nd Convention of Four-square Churches** held recently in Angelus Temple.

From the opening of the Executive Council pre-convention meeting when leaders sang, "We are gathered together unto Him," unity, rejoicing and open fellowship built believers and released ministries.

The flow of the Spirit was evidenced in "casual" conversation as believers shared His good work in them. What was intended as a mere passing greeting at times erupted into two or three "agreeing and binding" things in the Spirit to be done of the "Father which is in heaven." Ministering and being ministered to; giving and getting back. God's economy balanced again.

One sensed he might be a "message in the making." Sermon barrels weren't filled, preachers were. Pastors and laymen weren't distinguished, ministries were defined. Leadership was not exalted, or set apart; rather, roles were determined and each found himself submitted to his brother.



Members of the **Executive Council** were the guests International Church in the convention luncheon Princess Louise, their chosen way of saying "thank you" to divisional, district and national officers for their continual leadership ministries.

Ministers and delegates to retain **Rev. Paul Risse** as a member of the International Board of Directors, and **Jack Hayford** as a member of the Missionary Cabinet in business sessions with **Parliamentarian Dick Scott**. **Scott** wielded a smooth gavel and received reports which were further cause for rejoicing and praise.

It was a "happening"! A "thing"! Hundreds of Southern California youth joined the day night convention crowd saturated by the "New Musical Group," and ministered through the Word by **Dr. Helms**, who reminded all that "Jesus did not go out to save souls, but to change lives."





recent comer to the west coast, General Supervisor **M.E. Holls** quoted Louie Armstrong, jazz musician, in emphasizing the impossibility ofaining the work of the Spirit in the church today. Armstrong of jazz music, "If I have to gain it to you, you ain't got it!"

The self-improvement plan and **ICM** — Institute of Church Ministries — was a convention highlight. Seminarians chose topics from a wide offering: Greek study to youth ministries; the "hers" of the parage to the "hymns" for effective music ministry; New Testament church life or Old Testament study; counseling update or management skills; new Christian education trends, church growth issues, or the church's response to changing family structures. Many of these seminars and public services were taped and are available through LIFE Bible College audio-visual department.

Rev. Milton W. Ellithorpe was as "welcome as the flowers in May" as he portrayed the Ephesians 4 reminder that "God gave some ... evangelists." Conventioners sensed the warmth of the Spirit as this evangelist ministered to those who were in need of healing.

Message through missionaries, media and music, set the stage for **Rev. Dick Scott** to define from God's Word the dimensions of life — both home and foreign.

MK's "missionary kids," ministered in music which included an original song written by **Brad Starr**, and seven new missionaries were presented during this evening time.

"Global High Adventure," the title of **George Otis'** message to the convention, depicts his ministry as God continues to open doors for him around the world. Otis' account of the Pentecostal revival stirred the evening crowd.

Tuesday evening, following the message of **Rev. Paul Hackett**, LIFE Bible College instructor soon to visit the Philippines as their special convention guest, God ministered His strength, quickening and specific guidance to all who sought Him. From the front row to those who participated from the top balcony, none could doubt that God was in that place, at work among His children, to prepare them for increased ministry, that the world might know Him.

Presbyterian **Rod Williams** owned to treasures both old and new in relating God's good work in guiding him in his vibrant walk in the Spirit. His confession that "eternity may not be long enough for me to offer all of the praise that I have for God" spawned immediate affirmation and response in praise and worship.



The Glen Pummeles



The Bruce Donhams



The V. R. Fordyces



The Ralph Elmores



Miss Jackie Cottens



Mary Lou Canata



MISSIONARY APPOINTEES:

Dr. Leland Edwards, Director of Foreign Missions, announced at the recent International Convention, the appointment of the following missionaries:

Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Donham to the Panama Canal Zone
Rev. and Mrs. Glen Pummel to Chile

Rev. and Mrs. V. Ronald Fordyce to Ecuador Houses of Happiness
Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Elmore to the Philippines

Rev. Jackie Cottens, presently a missionary assist in Costa Rica, to full missionary status.

Dr. Edwards also confirmed Rev. Mary Lou Canata, to the Philippines, and Rev. Sam Oppenheim to Latin America, as short-term workers.

Five new Missionary Assists were also named to serve this next year in Latin America and Korea.

LET THE EARTH HEAR HIS VOICE

To reach the world before the soon return of Jesus Christ, Foursquare World-Wide Missions projections include the following for 1975:

Greater practice of **church planting**.

Increased emphasis on **TEE** (Theological Education by Extension).
More **missionary housing**.

A headquarter's church in **Argentina**.

An expanded work in **Colombia**.

Eastward expansion in **Venezuela**.

Further indigenous church emphases in **New Guinea**.

A headquarter's church and Bible college in **Nicaragua**.

Enlargement of the headquarter's church in Taejon, **Korea**.

A Bible institute in **Hong Kong**.

Strengthening of the **Nigerian** church to provide further expansion in **Ghana**, **Dahomey**, and other West Africa nations.

Additional **audio-visual materials** for missions information and promotion.

Further blending of resources with established national churches, to strengthen the third-world missions penetration. Example of this is assistance to help strengthen the **Philippine** church so it can carry out a missionary ministry in **Indonesia** and **Japan**.

Sam Oppenheim

WHO SPENDS YOUR MISSIONARY DOLLAR?

Deficit spending, balance of payment, inflation and a balanced budget. All of these are much upon the lips of the average citizen. But, in a very real sense the Church has solved the balance of payment deficit — in the area of Christian missions — by entering into a partnership with the Lord Jesus.

God's plan has always been to communicate His Gospel to men, through men, as men have entered into partnership with Him to do this.

From the human standpoint, manpower and finances are the main resources. From His view, His provision of power, direction, and message make men able to achieve, for His glory.

Well-qualified personnel is required for the endeavor. The Foursquare Church in recent weeks has added six more units to its missionary personnel, bringing the total to 107 men and women who presently serve with hundreds of national workers in 31 countries. These ministers, equipped with a knowledge of the Word of God, the ability to communicate its message, and the quickening of the Spirit, join forces with their Lord to see the world reached. They are called to minister in the "utmost parts."

Vital also in this partnership is the home personnel — those persons who give themselves, and their resources, to allow the foreign missionary to minister. Cause for rejoicing today is the increased vision expressed by those at home in giving \$1,447,421.67 this past year to Foursquare Missions worldwide — an increase of nearly \$200,000.

How is the Foursquare missionary dollar spent? That is a legitimate question for partners to ask.

In order to care for the "*Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria*" of that Acts 1 admonition, as well as those "utmost parts," the Annual Convention of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel — made up of representation from churches in the homeland — voted in years past to care for the worldwide ministry as follows:

5 percent of the missionary dollar aids in supporting the Bible Colleges in the homeland — to train manpower for the Foursquare Church worldwide.

25 percent of this dollar is designated to provide for further outreach and growth in the United States and Canada.

The remaining 70 cents of this missionary dollar is expended to carry out the missionary ministry in the 31 nations outside North America, to assist the North American Indian ministry, and to administer this international program.

The entire worldwide missionary program operates on the basis of an annual budget, submitted for approval by the Foreign Missions Department. This budget is based upon requests from each missionary unit. Careful, prayerful consideration is given to each item requested, and decisions are made after viewing the total need.

Foursquare missionaries are cared for in an adequate manner, according to the economy and standards of the nation where they minister.

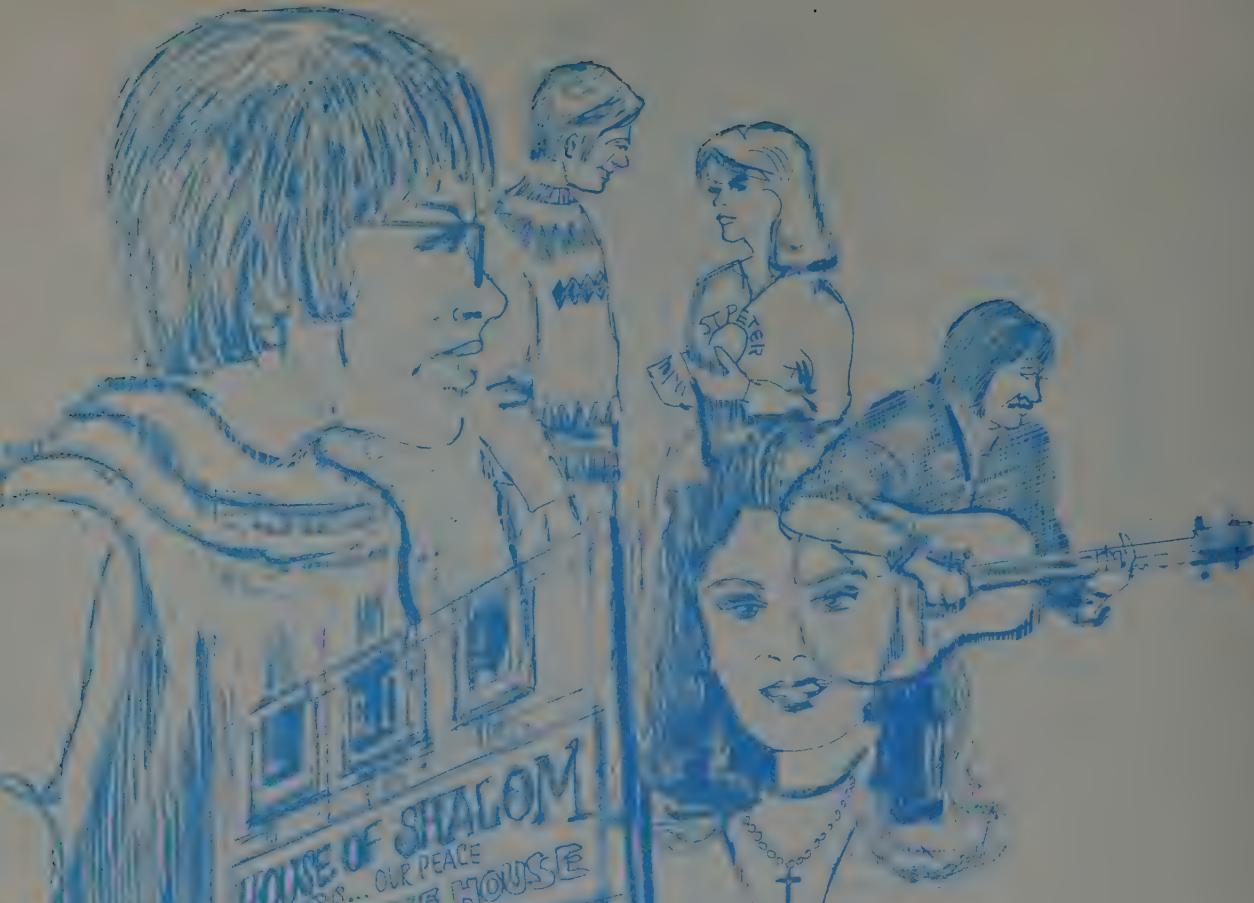
Specifically, each missionary unit receives:

- Transportation to and from their field of ministry
- Regular monthly allowance
- Comfortable housing
- Language study
- Child schooling cost assistance
- Medical financial aid
- Feasible equipment, and travel assistance on the field
- Assistance in purchase of properties, construction of church buildings and Bible college edifices, and the establishing and installing of Christian education ministries
- Assistance with outreach ministries, through literature, radio, pioneer crusades, and mass evangelism efforts
- Assistance with national workers, pastors' retreats and church growth seminars
- Help with orphanages and other social action ministries, especially in times of national emergency or catastrophe

But, home funds do not carry the entire financial cost for evangelism abroad. Our mission has wisely encouraged all Christians to support their pastors and local church programs with their own tithes and offerings. This Biblical approach helps to build a strong indigenous church.

World conditions will not permit us to wait until national churches can underwrite the lion's share of the costs for all missionary ministry. Nor will the commands from the Scriptures. Our Christian stewardship includes missions around the world. The scope and effectiveness of this ministry is, in great measure, dependent upon our obedience to reach the world before Jesus returns.

While the Foursquare missionary program does not operate on last year's income — it was spent last year — leadership has faith to believe God will make possible this year's enlarged program, for He has directed in determining it. Our prayerful support of this worldwide missionary ministry is vital in this partnership with the Lord, the missionary, and the national church.



STREET
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ST. PETER'S VISION

"I prophecy that your coffee house will be closed within 6 months."

"The clergyman that challenged us with that statement the day we introduced our vision to our local service club is gone, but now, 4 years later, the coffee house is still going," recalls Winnie Kunst, shy, hardly 5 feet tall, and the visionary which launched the *"House of Shalom"* in St. Peter, Minnesota.

St. Peter, Minnesota sits 68 miles south of Minneapolis, and in addition to the House of Shalom, it claims Gustavus Adolphus College, the Minnesota State Hospital, and about 9,000 people.

In this small town few wholesome activities existed for youth. When God began burdening Winnie for the youth of St. Peter, He also began giving her a plan for ministry. "They needed a place to come in off the street — a place where they could sense the love of Jesus. A coffee house seemed to be the answer.

"As I stood before the civic group and was challenged as to why we needed such a coffee house, I said, 'Because the kids need Jesus.' But when the response came, 'What makes you think they need Jesus?' and it came from a clergyman, I was a little surprised. 'Because we all need Jesus,' was all I could respond."

Undaunted by the opposition, Winnie

bargained with her father to rent his empty store on St. Peter's main street. Equipped with an old refrigerator, a ping pong table, some hand-me-down sofas, a few games, the coffee house opened its doors.

"One night shortly after we opened, I thought I saw something run by; I really thought it was a dog. Then I heard a scream.

"As I ran out into the alley, there was a young girl, clad in shorts and a blouse. I tried to grab her, but each time she slipped away. In the -30° weather she would have frozen to death if we hadn't finally gotten her into the coffee house and wrapped her in a coat.

"Crying hysterically and in shock, she finally calmed down enough to tell us she had had a fight with her parents and had run out of the house. I'm so glad we were there."

As the ministry grew, the store building was too small. Again Dad Hanson opened the larger store next door.

"We didn't have any money; in fact, the rent was \$85.00 a month, and at that time we owed about \$500.00

"When we finished the remodeling, we had everything paid, and had \$90.00 in the bank. I can't tell you where the money always comes from — except for a few small checks. People in this town that really love the Lord just give it."

As soon as the move was made and the last nail driven, revival came to the House of Shalom.

Every night youth came and were saved. Some evenings as many as 15 were converted. They brought others.

One young man reached was Bob, "Mr. Everything," on the high school campus. Honor student, basketball captain, football quarterback. A good church-goer, Bob's view of Pentecostals was a bit negative. While making fun of them, Bob became trapped with the love of Jesus through these Pentecostal teens. Before long he was frequenting the house, and was soon Spirit-filled.

Today, a student at Mt. Vernon Bible College, Bob recalls, "Even though I'm in Bible college, not a day goes by without something coming up which Winnie taught me or influenced me with."

"I really loved God in the only way I knew how," confesses Vickie. "But when I attended a Bible study with my cousin, I realized I had not received Christ as my Savior. We prayed silently and I asked Christ to forgive me of my sins.

"It's as if the Lord has done a 'forgetting work.' We forget what we were like before we knew Jesus. And Winnie has shown us love, and how to love; kids who didn't know how. She wasn't afraid to. We wanted that love."

Into this second year, as the Spirit deepened this work, many were led into the baptism with

the Holy Spirit. "We began talking about their walk with the Lord," Winnie remembers, "and many were filled. The stronger Christians helped us, and then God sent a dear Christian friend, who the kids call 'Grandma Hazel.' How they love her! Her spiritual insight of many years of walking with Him lends such strength."

Sensing that God had raised up this coffee house to minister to all the youth in the city, Winnie determined to keep the flavor interdenominational. The board of directors represents six denominations and includes a Spirit-filled Catholic nun.

"No one ever talked about the Foursquare Church," recalls Vickie, "but we soon learned that was where these Spirit-filled Christians attended. I started 'moonlighting' — attending my church in the mornings and the Foursquare Church at night. No one invited us; we just went, and there they loved us."

Pastor DeFante, who also serves on the board of directors, is one of the House's staunch supporters. Often it is his privilege to counsel new converts and baptize them in water. From this ministry already 5 students are attending Foursquare Bible Colleges, with several more making plans to do so.

Paul, one of the first converts at the house, brought a friend. Jerry played in a rock band, and was heavily into drugs. He was beginning to feel a "force" reaching to snatch his life.

"As we talked," Winnie said, "I suddenly was weeping. This handsome, talented boy needed God. The Spirit witnessed this to him, and he gave himself to the Lord. Shortly after, God completely delivered him and he was baptized with the Spirit. How he loves Jesus! He now plays his guitar and sings in the coffee house. And, he married my daughter, Teri!"

Husband Larry also often spends his evenings off helping there. "He's my prayer warrior," Winnie testifies.

"Ninety-two year old Dad Hanson is my encourager. At times I've wondered if we should close the house, he would ask, 'Winnie, has anyone gotten saved?' Of course, they had, so he'd say, 'Keep it open.'"

Winnie recalls that when they opened, "We prayed that Jesus would be in every little crack and crevice. We said, 'Jesus, this is your house.' And He really is there.

"Those who challenged the coffee house's purpose or God's ability to keep it going are now behind us."

Tearfully, but with joy, Winnie bubbles, "It's fun to go down there. I really love it. And until He closes the door, I won't either. But when He chooses, I will be ready, because I know He'll open something else."

"I plan to work for Him until I'm at least 100, or until He comes!"



INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

"Maybe the "shiner" improved his spiritual eyesight!" commented Rev. John Firth, **Colombia**, regarding the incident which brought a lazy rebellious son to Christ.

"In his anger with his son, the father lost his temper and hit his son, giving him a black eye. He came to us weeping with remorse and asking the Lord's pardon. The man then took out a piece of paper upon which he had written all his shortcomings *and* his aspirations Godward. He wept and praised his way right through to victory. Since this time he has opened his home for meetings, and has become a soul winner. And, his son, san the black eye, is attending church regularly and showing real interest in the gospel."

In **Colombia** missionaries are asking God for 50 church buildings and congregations in Bogota in 10 years. In the past nine months God has given two, and a new lot has been donated for a third church . . . A property donation of 600 square meters for a church was cause for rejoicing in Tacurong, in **Mindanao, Philippines**. This town, with a population of nearly 40,000 people, is haven for many refugees from trouble-ravaged neighboring areas . . . Rather than the usual pattern of anniversary celebration, the Quezon City, **Philippines** church celebrated its 7th anniversary by sending evangelistic teams into three sections of their city. Each team included with its workers new converts who were able to tell of their new-found faith in Jesus as Savior. The result of these evangelistic outreaches has been a new weekly extension Sunday school with an attendance of over 70, home Bible studies in the homes of several new converts, and the added vitality and rejoicing from those who participated to reach these new areas.

Maoist and Muslim conflicts in the southern **Philippines** have cast a threatening shadow over the church planting program of that area. But in spite of this, 10 new churches were pioneered in 1974.

Some other churches were disrupted as pressures caused many to flee, leaving their lands and churches. But God has answered prayer, and now families are resettling their towns and asking for workers to again recognize their congregations.

In March, 1975 the 35 Bible College graduates from the **Mindanao** District school are expected to be used of God to provide the leadership needed to reestablish churches and open new ones.

God's work in the lives of the **Honduras** Foursquare Christians is exemplified in the story of Alonso, a taxi driver.

Alonso and a friend were enroute to service in Alonso's taxi when they came upon a family fight in the street. A man and his wife were warring over a five-year old child who lay dead in the mother's arms. Each blamed the other for the son's death.

The father asked Alonso to take them to their home so they could ready the boy for burial. As they traveled along, God spoke to Alonso to pray for the boy. Stopping his taxi and turning to the father, Alonso explained that God was able to bring their boy back to life, and that he wanted to pray for him. In disbelief they consented.

As Alonso prayed for "life to be restored to this child in the name of Jesus," the boy immediately opened his eyes and was completely well. The startled parents exclaimed, "Who are you men, and where are you going?"

The parents attended the service with the Christians and found Christ as their Savior that evening.





"It's as if we are sitting right on the 50-yard line, watching God work," reports Rev. Gary Loop from **Hong Kong**.

Students from the Hong Kong day schools are being drawn to the church and the Lord as never before. The young people of the church have assumed an active role in witnessing for Christ. The churches are growing numerically; the revival is spreading.

There remain two states in **Brazil** yet without a Foursquare witness. The goal is to have a minister in these states within a few months. In 18 months of ministry, the church in Belo Horizonte baptized 1,778 believers. Belem had its first water baptismal service since its beginning about 10 months ago. Fourteen hundred were baptized.

A college teacher came to the San Pedro Sula, **Honduras**, church and was saved. He had taught several of the Christian young people from that church and, upon seeing the difference in their lives, had come to receive what they had. Vacation Bible school registration had to be closed in this church because there were no materials to accommodate more. The results were eternal in the lives of those which attended.

A Guatemalan pastor was invited to preach to a group of people who had heard his radio message. Upon arrival he found more than 200 had gathered. They wanted him to come to their village where there was no gospel church.

Julio and Dormelina de Quintero arrived in the town of Arauca on the **Colombian** plains to establish a Foursquare Church. Reluctant to go at first, this couple yielded to the Spirit. Finding a small house for this family of 4 was difficult, especially with very limited funds. Then they needed a place for a church.

They began to search for a lot for their church, with only faith to use to purchase it. When the ideal site was discovered God had already prepared the heart of the owner, a woman who was interested in a church. She gave the lot to them, and a neighbor gave a portion of the lot next to it.

Material to build with was next. A farmer gave them the rock, and the small group of people have begun their church building. God has begun His lessons of abundant provision.



Boaz had help from his village. They bought him a wife, without his knowledge. He told her that she must be a Christian and go to the Bible school before he would marry her. His guardian encouraged him to live with her since they had paid for her. Knowing this was not right, he refused. When the girl's parents heard of his desire to attend Bible school and for her to go as well, they quickly took her back to their own village. Boaz, a **New Guinean** Christian testified, "I know the Lord helped me through this trying time. He is always near!"

Brother and Sister Hall reported, "A knock came to our door. It was a man we had ministered to while he was in prison.

"After this man was set free he went back to his village and shared God's Word with his family and people. He showed us a roll book with the names of men, women, and children who had been coming to the services.

"A week later we visited the village and found the people so hungry to hear more of the gospel."

"Stay and pray with me, for tomorrow I'm going home," Sarah Mkwambi, interpreter for the Lewis Ziegler family for 22 years in **South Africa** encouraged a friend to tarry for the night. The next morning, this faithful worker was ushered into heaven. Her years of ministry were with her Xhosa people, to free them from the power of sin, superstition and witchcraft.

Editor's Note: A missionary recently wrote, "When something unusual or exciting happens it is easy to write the monthly report. This month it is like trying to force marshmallows through a pastry tube."

Not a complaint, but the facts. Missionary ministry is victorious, and rewarding. But, as life anywhere, it is very "daily," too. Have you prayed for your missionaries this week?

Dear Dad: I think you're great!
Tell us about your "Dear Dad." Enter the
"Top Pop" event. See page 3 for details.

(Upon being filled with the Spirit) I felt as if I were walking around in Acts 2.

Faith moves us into a deeper knowledge. God is always showing that He has a way of breaking through the secularism of today.

Rod Williams

You will never hear a song, "Amazing justice, how sweet the sound."

Harold Helms

He moved out like a book-of-Acts person.

He was a spiritual "piggy." He wanted more. That gets you somewhere with God.

George Otis

Only a healthy church can help a sick world.

Today we need to say, and people want to hear, what the Spirit of the Lord is saying.

M. E. Nicholls

Faith says, "I know that is true." Belief says, "I will act like it."

Jerry Cook

God is original. He wants no Xerox copies.

Dick Scott

Moses said, "God, if you don't go with us, I don't want to go." I don't blame Moses!

To meet the challenge of today, we need a new dimension of His glory and a new understanding of His Word. God has placed His will within His Word.

Paul Hackett

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